

Amendments to the Abstract:

Please replace the current abstract with the abstract below:

A tube fitting for connection with a tube includes first and second flanges members and a ferrule between the first and second flanged members. The ferrule engages the tube to form a tube grip and seal when the first and second flanged members are drawn together. ~~A method includes the steps of providing first and second flanged members on a tube providing a ferrule on the tube between the first and second flanged members and drawing the first and second flanged members together to cause the ferrule to engage the tube to form a tube grip and seal.~~ A tapered clamp may be used to draw the flanged members together.